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For: MANAGING PARTICIPANTS IN A VIDEOCONFERENCE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 1 and add the following claims:

2. A teleconferencing system for conducting a teleconference among a plurality of participants having workstations with associated monitors for displaying visual images, and with associated AV capture and reproduction capabilities for capturing and reproducing video images and spoken audio of the participants, the workstations being interconnected by a first network, the network providing a data path for carrying digital data signals among the workstations, the teleconferencing system comprising:

(a) a data conference manager for managing a data conference during which data are shared among a plurality of the participants and displayed on the monitors of their respective workstations;

(b) an AV path for carrying AV signals among the workstations, the AV signals representing video images and/or spoken audio of the participants;